structured such that routing between nodes with the second point code uses only the enhanced links.

9.　　　　A node as claimed in claim 7, further comprising SCCP translation functions supporting the enhanced links, the SCCP translation functions engineered such that primary translation is to be logical destinations reachable via the enhanced links and backup translation is to logical destinations reachable via links based on MTP level 2 if translation results in a physical destination located in a node supporting the enhanced links.

10.　　　　A node, which supports enhanced links, having the ability to transfer longer messages than according to current MTP level 2, the node comprising first and second signaling point codes, wherein the second point code is used to identify functions and MTP users which can make full use of the longer message length, and both the first and second point codes being part of different MTP networks.

11.　　　　A node as claimed in claim 10, further comprising MTP routing tables supporting the enhanced links, wherein the routing tables are structured such that routing between nodes with the second point code uses only the enhanced links.

12.　　　　A node as claimed in claim 10, further comprising SCCP translation functions supporting the enhanced links, the SCCP translation functions engineered such that primary translation is to be logical destinations reachable via the enhanced links and backup translation is to logical destinations reachable via links based on MTP level 2 if translation